

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/600,505  
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Applicant: Debra A. Elkins et al.  
Group Art Unit: 4172  
Examiner: Neil R. Kardos  
Title: QUANTITATIVE PROPERTY LOSS RISK MODEL AND  
DECISION ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK  
Attorney Docket: GP-302248 (8540R-000009)

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 3, 2008, and prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant has included a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal with this response authorizing the use of Deposit Account 07-0960 for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.